

Therefore, a proper declaration pursuant to PCT Rule 4.17(iv) was submitted in this national stage application, and no additional oath or declaration is required. Further, as indicated in the Notification of Missing Requirements, all other items required for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371 were submitted by Applicants on September 23, 2005. Pursuant to the above, this application is to be accorded a 371 date of September 23, 2005.

In addition, Applicants maintain that, in view of the above, the \$130.00 surcharge requested in the Notification of Missing Requirements is not due and should be waived. If, for some reason, the Office determines that the \$130.00 surcharge is still due, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, then the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit the appropriate fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/SONN:077US.

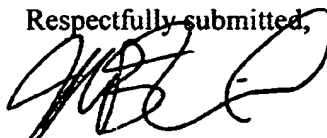
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